GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2914
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2016
Production of Fruits and Vegetables
Chandumajra Shri Prem Singh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of fruits and vegetables in the country is more than the requirement for domestic consumption;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the average quantity of fruits and vegetables produced on annual basis across the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the average foreign exchange earned by the Government per year from the export of these fruits and vegetables during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

â€¡Ã£Ã°Å Ã£Ã¤Ã“Ã£ ??? ????? ?????? Â½Ã£Ã¢Â¨Ã£Ã£ÃŠÃ£Â¾Ã£ Â½Ã£Ã±Ã¢ Ã€Ã£â€¢Â¾Ã£ Â½Ã£Ã¢Â¨Ã£Ã£Ã¨ (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Government is taking several steps to boost exports, ensure better marketing and post harvest management of fruits and vegetables. Some of these are as under:

1) To boost exports, recently a new scheme has been launched namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters/farmers are incentivized for export of their goods/products including fruits and vegetables to specified markets.

2) Implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities including fruits and vegetables, in case of distress selling by farmers, when production is above 10% as compared to previous year.

Contdâ€¦2/-

3) Assistance is provided for development of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing such as storages, wholesale markets, rural primary market, Kisan Mandis, etc.

4) Facilitating direct marketing, contract farming, setting up of private markets, farmer consumer markets and e-markets.

(c): The average quantity of fruits and vegetables produced on annual basis across the country during the last three years, State-wise; is at Annexure-I.

(d): The average foreign exchange earned by the Government per year from the export of these fruits and vegetables during the said period is as under:-

(In Million USD)
3 Years" Annual Average
Fruits 489.06
Vegetables 769.73
Source: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export
Development Authority (APEDA)